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## **Rule 6. Contents Of Answer; Time For Filing.**

(a) Contents of Answer. An answer shall be in writing and signed by the defendant or his or her attorney, if any. It shall also state: (1) the reasons for denial of the relief sought by the plaintiff, including any affirmative defenses and the factual bases therefor; (2) any affirmative relief sought by the defendant, whether by way of counterclaim, set-off, cross-claim, or third-party claim, the factual bases for such relief, and the names and addresses of other persons needed for determination of the claim for affirmative relief; and (3) the address of the defendant or his or her attorney, if any. (b) Time for Filing Answer or Reply. A defendant shall file an answer with the clerk of the court within thirty (30) days after the service of the complaint upon the defendant. An answer to a cross-claim and a reply to a counterclaim shall be filed with the clerk of the court within 30 days of the date that the pleading asserting the claim is served. A copy of an answer or reply shall also be served on the opposing party or parties in accordance with Rule 5(b) of the Rules of Civil Procedure. ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE RELIEF - FORM \_\_\_\_\_ Court Of \_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas

\_\_\_\_\_, Plaintiff vs. No. \_\_\_\_\_, Defendant

Defendant's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Reasons for Denial  
of Plaintiff's Claim: \_\_\_\_\_ Affirmative Defenses:

\_\_\_\_\_ Nature and Amount  
of Affirmative Relief Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Affirmative  
Claim Arose: \_\_\_\_\_ Factual Basis of  
Affirmative Claim: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Names and  
Addresses of Other Persons Needed for Determination of Affirmative Claim:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant's Attorney,  
if any, and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [Signature of Attorney,  
if any, or of Defendant] CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing answer was served on [plaintiff or attorney for plaintiff, as appropriate] on the \_\_\_\_\_ date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2 \_\_\_\_\_, by [state method of service used, e.g., hand delivery, mail, commercial delivery service].

\_\_\_\_\_ [Signature of Defendant or  
Defendant's Attorney]

### Comment Text:

Addition to Reporter's Notes, 2012 Amendment: The rule is revised to adopt the same 30-day response time for district court cross-claims and counterclaims that applies to responses to complaints, cross-claims, and counterclaims in circuit court and to responses to district court complaints.

### History Text:

History. Amended November 18, 1996, effective March 1, 1997; revised December 9, 2004, effective January 1, 2005; amended June 2, 2011, effective July 1, 2011; amended May 24,

2012, effective July 1, 2012.

**Associated Court Rules:**

District Court Rules

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